

## Lieutenant Henry Walton

12/1831 -- 9/16/1881

People often ask, "where is the oldest grave?" Young Lt. Henry Walton's gravesite is the Camas Cemetery's oldest recorded gravesite.

His date of birth and death are engraved on the curb. This section of the cemetery is known as the "Pioneer Section."

Lt. Walton was almost 50 years old when he passed on.

Unfortunately, there is no record of his life, how he died, his family origin, or where he was originally buried. His remains were moved here from another cemetery, since this cemetery was not platted until about 1885 by the Camas Colony Company. The stakes were not permanent and the plat itself was finally lost. Throughout its history, several local cemeteries have incorporated their graves into the Camas Cemetery. In 1984, The Camas Catholic Cemetery relocated a number of its graves. Previously known unofficially as The Dead Lake and Fallen Leaf Cemetery, many others were also relocated from this cemetery over the years. A deed for the property to the city of Camas from the Pittock and Leadbetter families is recorded on March 14, 1914.

Around 1910, the Women's Civic Club took on the cemetery as a project and handled its affairs until 1914 when it was turned over to the recently incorporated City of Camas. It was then administered by city officials until 1920 when the Camas Cemetery Association was formed. Anyone owning a lot in the cemetery is automatically a member of the association.

In 2007, after more than eighty years of tireless work by a few dedicated association members, the city took over the care and operation of the cemetery.